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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 18, 1989

1. CHINA: INCREASED CRITICISM OVER FANG LIZHI

BEIJING, USING TWO SIGNED ARTICLES AS A VEHICLE, TODAY STEPPED UP ITS CRITICISM OF THE UNITED STATES OVER FANG LIZHI. IN PEOPLE'S DAILY, THE UNITED STATES IS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY, INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND THE BASIC PRINCIPLES GUIDING SINO-US RELATIONS. THE SECOND ARTICLE, READ ON BEIJING TELEVISION, STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE US GOVERNMENT AND VOA FOR INTERFERING IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND URGES THE UNITED STATES TO TURN OVER FANG AND

HIS WIFE "AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE." IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NBC'S TOM BROKAW YESTERDAY, PRC GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN YUAN MU AVOIDED A DIRECT RESPONSE TO WHETHER THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WOULD FORCIBLY ARREST FANG LIZHI IN THE US EMBASSY, BUT SAID "WE HOPE THE US GOVERNMENT WILL DEAL WITH THIS MATTER DISCREETLY," ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL CHINESE NEWS AGENCY.

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IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO ZHAO ZIYANG, YUAN SAID THAT "A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL IN THE TOP LEADERSHIP ERRED IN SUPPORTING RIOTS"; THE "PROBLEM" WOULD BE DEALT WITH AND

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MADE PUBLIC SOON. YUAN SAID 5,000 SOLDIERS AND 2,000 CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED IN THE CONFLICT AND THAT FEWER THAN 300 WERE KILLED, ABOUT HALF OF WHOM WERE SOLDIERS. HE SAID FOREIGNERS WHO LEFT HASTILY WOULD REGRET IT, BUT ADDED IT WAS NOT TOO LATE TO COME BACK.

REPORTS OF ARRESTS THROUGHOUT CHINA CONTINUE; EIGHT PEOPLE IN BEIJING WERE SENTENCED YESTERDAY TO DEATH FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE "RIOTING." CHINA'S PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU [PSB] ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT PERSONS WANTING TO LEAVE CHINA MUST GO TO THE PSB TO HAVE THEIR EXIT PERMITS REVALIDATED, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BEIJING. CHINESE CITIZENS WHO WANT TO TRAVEL ABROAD MUST NOW HAVE AN EXIT PERMIT BEFORE APPLYING FOR A VISA AT AN EMBASSY. THESE

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